

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Norman et al
Appl. No.	:	10/821,658
Filed	:	April 8, 2004
For	:	DETECTING SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIALS IN CONTAINERS USING HIGH-ENERGY GAMMA RAYS EMITTED BY FISSION PRODUCTS
Examiner	:	Palabrica
Group Art Unit:	:	3663

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2006 in the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits for the amended claims below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.